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TAGS: PINT, KS

SUBJECT: CONDITION OF PRISONERS

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1. CONGRESSMAN VANDER JAGT HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION CONCERNING CONDITION OF TWO BROTHERS IN PRISON FOR ESPIONAGE, SOH SUNG IN TAEGU AND SOH JOON SHIK IN SEOUL. THEY REPORTEDLY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE VISITORS OR ANY OUTSIDE COMMUNICATION SINCE MAY 1974. IN ADDITION TO VANDER JAGT REQUEST WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL OTHER ALLEGATIONS THAT THE BROTHERS ARE BEING HELD WITHOUT VISITORS AND ARE IN POOR PHYSICAL CONDITIONS. THE SOHS ARE DESCRIBED IN ANTI-ROK G TRACTS AS PART OF 20 STUDENT SPY RING ARRESTED FOR NORTH KOREAN INDUCED OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT PARK'S THIRD TERM.

2. WE REALIZE SOH CASE IS OLD, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP ON IT AND ON PRISONERS PHYSICAL CONDITION. CHRISTOPHER

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